

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device for entering a character string comprising:
an input part for entering a character string;
an input situation acquiring part for acquiring a situation ~~for entering a character string of~~
a character inputting device that has been started or an activated program, into which a
character string is input;
a situation control part for affirming a dictionary used for generating a candidate
character string or a part of such a dictionary in accordance with a situation acquired with the
input situation acquiring part and designating it as a situation-optimized dictionary;
a candidate character string generation part for generating and outputting an output
candidate character string that is optimal for the situation in response to a character string that is
entered with the input part, using the situation-optimized dictionary designated by the situation
control part;
a candidate character string affirmation processing part for affirming the outputted
candidate character string; and
an affirmed character string storing part for storing a character string that has been
affirmed with the affirmation processing part in the situation-optimized dictionary designated by
the situation control part under a condition that the character string is associated with a situation
acquired with the input situation acquiring part, and updating the contents of the situation-
optimized dictionary dynamically.
2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device for entering a character string according
to Claim 1, wherein situations acquired by the input situation acquiring part comprise at least one
information selected from the group consisting of:
information relating to a character string processing device to which the output candidate
character string is given;
information relating to an application program to which an output candidate character
string is given;

information relating to a text that the character string processing device, to which the output candidate character string is given, can output;

information relating to a position in a text that the character string processing device, to which the output candidate character string is given, can output; and

information relating to a user inputting the character string.

3. (CANCELED)

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5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device for entering a character string according to Claim 1, wherein

the affirmed character string storing part stores a storage date of an affirmed character string as a last-access date when storing the affirmed character string;

the date when a character string that is already stored is accessed is used to change the last-access date; and

the last-access date is used when the candidate character string generation part generates the output candidate character string.

6. (CANCELED)

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device for entering a character string according to Claim 1, further comprising a situation-optimized dictionary production part for producing a situation-optimized dictionary by associating character strings that are used in a pre-existing electronic text with information relating to a user creating the electronic text, information relating to a time when the electronic text has been created, and information relating to a character string processing apparatus by which the electronic text has been created.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for entering a character string comprising: entering a character string;

acquiring a situation of a character inputting device that has been started or an activated program, into which a character string is input~~for entering a character string;~~

affirming a dictionary used for generating a candidate character string or a part of such a

dictionary in accordance with an acquired situation designating it as a situation–optimized dictionary;

generating and outputting an output candidate character string that is optimal for a situation in response to an entered character string, using the designated situation–optimized dictionary;

affirming the outputted candidate character string; and

storing an affirmed character string in the situation–optimized dictionary under a condition that the character string is associated with an acquired situation, and updating the contents of the situation-optimized dictionary dynamically.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer–readable recording medium storing a program, to be executed on a computer, the program comprising:

entering a character string;

acquiring a situation of a character inputting device that has been started or an activated program, into which a character string is input~~for entering a character string;~~

affirming a dictionary used for generating a candidate character string or a part of such a dictionary in accordance with an acquired situation designating it as a situation–optimized dictionary;

generating and outputting an output candidate character string that is optimal for a situation in response to an entered character string, using the designated situation–optimized dictionary;

affirming the outputted candidate character string; and

storing an affirmed character string in the situation–optimized dictionary under a condition that the character string is associated with an acquired situation, and updating the contents of the situation-optimized dictionary dynamically.